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CALL FOR CONGRESS

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CABINET FAVORS EARLY CALL FOR CONGRESS

To Make a Formal Declaration That a State of War Exists Between Germany and the United States—Washington Officials Virtually Unanimous in Their Opinion That a State of War Now Actually Exists—Federal War Risk Bureau Has Decided on New Policy of Insuring All American Ships Except Those Carrying Actual Munitions of War.

Washington, March 20.—For two hours today President Wilson discussed the international crisis with his cabinet and heard urgent suggestions that the date for the extra session of congress fixed for April 16 be set forward to consider further steps in defense of American commerce against German submarines. It is understood that there was not a dissenting voice against this advice.

The president himself did not express his views, and so far as could be learned later had not finally determined upon the date for the extra session. The prevailing belief was that he would announce the call for an earlier meeting of congress.

Question is What Shall Be Done? Among officials virtually the unanimous opinion is that in spite of the technical armed neutrality status of the United States, actually a state of war exists as the result of the ruthless destruction of American merchant ships and the killing of American citizens in defiance of international law and of the most solemn warning of a nation can make.

The cabinet members generally are said to have expressed their willingness to support a program based on an early call for congress and a formal declaration that a state of war exists between Germany and the United States.

Tonight the president went to the theatre—a thing he frequently does when he has made a preliminary decision on a grave question and wants distraction in order to look at the problem anew with freshened mind.

No New Naval Orders. After the cabinet meeting Secretary Daniels, acting in the president's orders had been issued, hurried to the

TWO ESCAPED CONVICTS SHOT TO DEATH

In a Battle With Poise in a Suburb of Birmingham, Ala.

Birmingham, Ala., March 20.—David D. Overton, a former convict, was sentenced to death for the murder of Judge W. T. Lawler, was shot to death in a Birmingham suburb.

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TRAPPING OF TWO GERMAN SUBMARINES

Reported by Captain Smith of the American Steamer Alaskan.

Newport, R. I., March 20.—The trapped German submarine was reported tonight by Captain E. Smith of the American steamer Alaskan which arrived today from La Palmyra.

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Cabled Paragraphs

German Gunboat Blown Up.

London, March 20, 11.15 p. m.—A German gunboat in the harbor of Tsing-Tau, China, has been blown up, says a Reuters despatch from Hong Kong.

Frederick W. Monahan Dead.

Paris, March 20, 4 p. m.—Frederick W. Monahan, for many years known as an American business man in Europe, is dead. He was one of the founders of the American ambulance and was resident of St. Monahan formerly resided in Chicago.

Accumulating Evidence of Court Scandals in Russia

Establishes Weak Character and Lack of Foresight of Nicholas Romanoff.

Petrograd, March 20, 2 p. m., via London, 11.50 p. m.—It would be unprofitable to go fully into all the court scandals of the constantly accumulating evidence by which it seems to be clearly established the weak character and lack of foresight of Nicholas Romanoff.

Grand Duke Nicholas Michaelovitch made most persistent efforts to appease Emperor Nicholas, that the country was in danger and the throne tottering, but the emperor showed no signs of being deterred by this warning than by that of the dowager empress and a multitude of other persons.

Late in November Grand Duke Nicholas Michaelovitch took to the country, the emperor and the dowager empress, and read it aloud to the emperor and empress. It expressed in most blunt fashion the danger the country was in and the danger to the throne.

Volume of Business Done by All the Subsidiaries Was \$1,231,473,779—252,668 Employees Averaged \$3.29 Per Day.

New York, March 20.—The unprecedented prosperity attending the operations of the United States Steel Corporation for 1916 are set forth in the annual report issued today.

Total earnings of \$24,967,092 exceeded those of 1915 by no less than \$2,027,747,026; net income of \$2,024,656,549, as compared with \$1,818,682,692 in 1915.

This last item is the most remarkable from the fact that it includes regular and extra dividends of \$4,476,468 on the common stock, as against only \$6,555,781 disbursed in 1915.

Net Expenditures \$64,680,648.

Expenditures during 1916 for maintenance, renewals and extraordinary replacements totaled \$69,392,827, an increase of 60.61 per cent over 1915.

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Average Wage \$3.29 Per Day.

Average salary of wage per day, exclusive of general administrative and selling force, was \$3.29, an increase of 36 cents.

The dividend surplus of the corporation and its subsidiaries, including the \$26,000 cash provided in organization, amounts to \$261,360,913.

BOARD TO SUPERVISE THE SALE OF NEWS PRINT PAPER

To Be Named as Soon as Price-Fixing Pool is Arranged.

Washington, March 20.—The federal trade commission plans to supervise the sale and distribution of news print paper.

The board, to be named as soon as a price-fixing pool proposed by the manufacturers of news print paper, will comprise five members, one each from the manufacturers, jobbers, large publishers, small publishers and the trade commission.

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Notable Gain by British and French

FRENCH CAVALRY WITHIN 4 1/2 MILES OF ST. QUENTIN

BAD WEATHER HINDERS

On Their Part of the Line the British Have Taken 14 More Villages and Are Within Twelve Miles of St. Quentin.

Despite bad weather and difficult conditions of terrain effected by the devastations of the Germans in their retreat, both the British and French armies have made further notable gains.